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SUBJ:CAIRO PRESS ON VANCE VISIT

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SUMMARY: PRESS JANUARY 21 DEVOTED TO COVERAGE OF VANCE-SADAT PRESS CONFERENCE AND STAGE SETTING FOR SADAT'S ADDRESS THIS EVENING. STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES FEATURED AS PREREQUISITE FOR RESUMPTION FOR POLITICAL COMMITTEE TALKS. MUBAREK SAYS VANCE "SHOWED UNDERSTANDING" FOR EGYPTIAN POSITION, BUT CONCERN OVER F-16'S FOR ISRAEL MADE CLEAR. EDITORIALS PRAISE SADAT, SCORE ISRAELIS. END SUMMARY.

1. CONTINUATION OF TALKS? MAIN POINT IN COVERAGE VANCE VISIT IS THAT DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES MUST BE ISSUED BEFORE POLITICAL COMMITTEE CAN RESUME WORK. LEAD ITEM SAYS SADAT DECLARED MEETINGS COULD RESUME IF ISRAEL AGREED NOT "TO TRESPASS ON OUR LAND AND SOVEREIGNTY" AND WOULD PLEDGE TO END OCCUPATION OF ARAB LANDS AND ACKNOWLEDGE PALESTINIANS RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION. REPORTS NOTE ONLY IN PASSING SADAT AGREEMENT TO CONTINUING MEETINGS OF MILITARY COMMITTEE AND GIVE NO CLUE TO WEIZMAN'S PLANS.

2. AL AHRAM DIPLOMATIC EDITOR WROTE THAT SADAT TOLD VANCE PRIVATELY DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES "DID NOT MEAN MERE FORMULATION OF PRINCIPLES WITHOUT TRUE ISRAELI DESIRE TO PUT THEM INTO EFFECT. THERE NO POINT ON AGREEING ON PRINCIPLES WHILE ISRAELIS INSIST ON MAINTAIN-

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ING GRIP ON LAND, ON BUILDING SETTLEMENTS, AND REFUSING TO GRANT PALESTINIANS RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION."

3. U.S. UNDERSTANDING. AL AHRAM QUOTED VP MUBAREK THAT "U.S. SIDE DEMONSTRATED FULL UNDERSTANDING TOWARDS VIEWS EXPLAINED BY PRESIDENT SADAT IN TALKS WITH VANCE." MUBAREK ADDED THAT PRESIDENT HAD GIVEN VANCE MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT CARTER. AT SAME TIME, AHRAM "LEARNED" GOE HAS INFORMED U.S. THAT PROPOSED DELIVERY OF F-16 AIRCRAFT TO ISRAEL "WILL NOT SERVE PRESENT SITUATION NOR BOOST PEACE." U.S. ROLE, FOR MOMENT, LIMITED TO REPORT THAT ATHERTON REMAINING IN JERUSALEM "TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO BRING VIEWS OF BOTH SIDES CLOSER."

4. SIGNS OF SUPPORT. PRESS PLAYS UP SUPPORT FOR SADAT, PROMINENTLY FEATURING KING HASSAN STATEMENT THAT SADAT'S ACTION EXCLUDED ANY POSSIBILITY OF "FAKE PEACE." HASSAN HOPED ARAB BROTHERS WOULD RALLY TO SADAT AND "ISRAEL RETURN TO ITS SENSES." YUGOSLAV VIEW REPORTEDLY IS THAT "ISRAELI INTRANSIGENCE AND ARROGANCE WERE REASONS FOR SADAT'S RECALL OF DELEGATION." YUGOSLAVS "CONCERNED BECAUSE ISRAEL IS NOT AFTER GENUINE PEACE BASED ON

JUSTICE . . . U.S. PRESSURE ON ISRAEL IS NEEDED AT THIS  
STAGE." KUWAITIS AND SAUDIS ALSO REPORTEDLY ACTIVE TO  
EFFECT RAPPROCHEMENT OF ARAB VIEWS. AKHBAR FRONTPAGED  
REPORT THAT "ISRAELI CHILD," SHLOMO LEVIN, OF NAHARIYA,  
WROTE TO SADAT THAT "ISRAELI CHILDREN LOOKING FORWARD  
TO PEACE AND WOULD NOT MAKE WAR AGAINST EGYPT."

5. COMMENTARY. EDITORIALS SET SIGHTS IN ALL DIRECTIONS.  
AL AHRAM WROTE THAT "TODAY, SON OF EGYPT WILL COME  
TO THE PEOPLE, THE SOURCE OF HIS INSPIRATION, TO DEFINE

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LANDMARKS ON ROAD." EGYPTIAN MASSES, LISTENING TO SADAT'S SPEECH TONIGHT, WILL REALIZE "HOW HARD AND INTRACTABLE THIS PEOPLE IS IN ITS STRUGGLE FOR LIBERTY, PRESTIGE AND RIGHTS OF ARAB NATION . . . MAN WHO SHOOK THE WORLD TO THE ROOTS BY HIS HISTORY-MAKING INITIATIVE FOR JUST PEACE FOR ALL WILL CONTINUE TO GUIDE HIS PEOPLE WITH FIRM STEPS TOWARD JUSTICE AND FIRMNESS."

6. GUMHURIYYA, WITH EYE ON U.S., EMPHASIZED THAT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES "IS PREREQUISITE FOR RESUMPTION OF POLITICAL TALKS." TALKS NOT AN END IN THEMSELVES AND ONLY GUARANTEE FOR SETTLEMENT IS ISRAEL'S COMMITMENT THAT IT WILL NOT "AGGRESS" AGAINST OCCUPIED ARAB LAND OR AGAINST ARAB SOVEREIGNTY. EGYPTIANS NOT DECEIVED BY ISRAELI TACTICS WHEREBY ANY CONCESSION IS VIEWED ONLY AS PRETENSE FOR MORE DEMANDS. "ISRAEL WANTS THE ARABS TO ACKNOWLEDGE HER RIGHT TO EXPANSION AND ANNEXATION OF ARAB TERRITORIES." THEREFORE, IT ATTEMPTED DRAG OUT NEGOTIATIONS TO DRAIN PEACE INITIATIVE OF ITS REAL SIGNIFICANCE. "IT THEREFORE NATURAL THAT RESUMPTION OF THESE TALKS BE CONDITIONAL ON ISRAELI ADMISSION OF PRINCIPLE OF NON-AGGRESSION AGAINST NATIONAL SOIL AND SOVEREIGNTY."

7. AKHBAR EDITOR MUSTAFA AMIN, WITH BITTER SARCASM, ACCUSED BEGIN OF ACCOMPLISHING REJECTIONISTS' GOALS FOR THEM, THEREBY "CHASING THREAT OF PEACE FROM MIDDLE EAST AND INSURING THAT DICTATORIAL GOVERNMENTS WILL REMAIN IN THE ARAB COUNTRIES MANY MORE YEARS." AMIN HELD THAT FAILURE OF SADAT INITIATIVE WILL RESTORE SOVIET UNION TO ENTIRE MIDDLE EAST SINCE ARABS WILL BE FORCED TO TURN TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IT FOR ARMS WHICH U.S. WOULD NOT FURNISH. CREDIT FOR THIS SHOULD GO TO BEGIN. SOVIETS WILL BRING WITH THEM THREAT OF A THIRD WORLD WAR FOR U.S. WILL FEEL THAT ARAB PETROLEUM HAS BECOME VULNERABLE AND U.S./SOVIET CONFLICTS WILL BE RENEWED. STRAINING HYPERBOLE, AMIN CLAIMED

"A FLAREUP IS SURE TO HAPPEN AND MILLIONS WILL DIE FOR  
SAKE OF 4,000 ISRAELIS IN SCATTERED SETTLEMENTS IN THE  
EXTENSIVE DESERT." BEGIN IN PROCESS OF GIVING WORLD  
"DETESTABLE AND UNJUST IMAGE OF JEWISH PEOPLE WHO  
SUFFERED HORRORS IN SECOND WORLD WAR." THIS IMAGE  
LIKELY TO PROMOTE ANTI-SEMITISM AROUND THE WORLD. "WE  
ARE AFRAID THAT MR. BEGIN, UNCONCIOUSLY, IS TURNING THE  
PEACE DREAM INTO A NIGHTMARE."

8. COMMENT: COMPARED TO YESTERDAY'S CONCENTRATION ON  
U.S. RESPONSIBILITY TO MOVE ISRAEL (REF A), COVERAGE  
TODAY SHOWS SOME APPRECIATION FOR U.S. ROLE AS EXPRESSED  
BY VP MUBAREK. AT SAME TIME, CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBLE  
SUPPLYING OF F-16'S TO ISRAEL IS MADE CLEAR. GUIDED  
EDITORIALS STRESS ISRAELI "INTRANSIGENCE" AND LACK OF  
COMPREHENSION OF MEANING SADAT INITIATIVE. WE EXPECT  
PRESIDENT WILL COME DOWN HARD ON THESE SAME THEMES  
TONIGHT. EILTS

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